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SUBJECT: CCD: TRIPARTITE STATEMENT ON PROGRESS IN
COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN NEGOTIATIONS, MARCH 16, 1978

1. DURING CCD PLENARY SESSION, MARCH 16, UK REP
(ASHE) MADE TRIPARTITE STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF UK, U.S.,
AND USSR DELS, REPORTING ON THE STATUS OF THE TRILATERAL
NEGOTIATIONS ON COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN.

2. TEXT OF TRIPARTITE STATEMENT FOLLOWS. BEGIN TEXT:

UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 32/78 OF
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12 DECEMBER 1977 URGES THE THREE NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES
TO EXPEDITE THEIR TRIPARTITE NEGOTIATIONS WITH A VIEW TO
BRINGING THEM TO A POSITIVE CONCLUSION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
THE USSR, UK AND U.S. RECOGNIZE THAT THIS RESOLUTION
REFLECTS THE DESIRE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO
ACHIEVE A TREATY, AND THAT THIS TASK IS THE CONFERENCE
OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT'S HIGHEST PRIORITY ITEM.

DURING THE 8 MONTHS SINCE THE START OF TRIPARTITE NEGOTIATIONS, THE THREE DELEGATIONS HAVE HELD A LARGE NUMBER OF PLENARY MEETINGS, MEETINGS OF WORKING GROUPS AND LESS FORMAL MEETINGS. SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE TOWARDS AGREEMENT ON THE PROVISIONS OF A TREATY PROHIBITING NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS AND A PROTOCOL COVERING NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES WHICH WOULD BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE TREATY. A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT POINTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN AGREED; AND ON SOME OUTSTANDING ISSUES, THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE POSITIONS OF THE PARTICIPANTS HAVE NARROWED. THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT WITH ITS LONG EXPERIENCE OF THE COMPLEXITY OF ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS WILL UNDERSTAND THAT ANY ATTEMPT TO DESCRIBE THESE REMAINING PROBLEMS AT THIS STAGE COULD COMPLICATE TRIPARTITE EFFORT TO RESOLVE THEM.

THE USSR, UK AND U.S. SHARE THE WIDELY-HELD VIEW THAT AN INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE OF SEISMIC DATA WILL PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN VERIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE TREATY. THEY CONSIDER THAT ALL PARTIES TO THE TREATY SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE AND TO RECEIVE SEISMIC DATA PROVIDED BY THE INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE, WHETHER OR NOT THEY CONTRIBUTE SEISMIC STATIONS TO THE GLOBAL NETWORK. THE THREE NEGOTIATING PARTNERS HAVE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN THE WORK OF THE AD HOC GROUP OF SEISMIC EXPERTS OF THE

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CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT AND HAVE CAREFULLY STUDIED THE REPORT TO WHICH EXPERTS FROM A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF STATES HAVE MADE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS. THEY AGREE THAT THE GUIDELINES FOR SETTING UP AND RUNNING THE INTERNATIONAL SEISMIC EXCHANGE SHOULD BE LAID DOWN IN AN ANNEX TO THE TREATY, AND THAT THE DETAILED ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE SHOULD BE WORKED OUT AFTER THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE TREATY, DRAWING ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT OF THE AD HOC GROUP

THE USSR, UK AND U.S. ARE KEENLY AWARE OF THE GREAT IMPORTANCE THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT ATTACH TO THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE CONCLUSION OF A TREATY AND WILL CONTINUE THEIR BEST EFFORTS TO COMPLETE THE TRIPARTITE NEGOTIATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. END TEXT

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